

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda; Correction.

SUMMARY: FR Document No. 96-26278, beginning on page 63548 in the unified agenda published in the Federal Register of Friday, November 29, 1996, the Release Nos. were incorrect and should be as set forth above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frances R. Sienkiewicz, Office of the Secretary, (202) 942-7072.

Dated: December 5, 1996.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-197; DA 96-2036]

Newspaper/Radio Cross-Ownership Waiver Policy

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry; extension of comment and reply comment period.

SUMMARY: This action extends the deadline for filing comments and reply comments to the Notice of Inquiry in the above-cited docket. It is taken in response to requests to extend the comment and reply comment period made by the law firm of Haley Bader & Potts. The intended effect of this action is to allow the parties to the proceeding to have additional time in which to file comments and reply comments.

DATES: Comments are due on or before February 7, 1997, and reply comments are due on or before March 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roger Holberg (202-418-2130) or Charles Logan (202-418-2130), Mass Media Bureau.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the *Order* granting an extension of time for filing comments and reply comments in MM Docket No. 96-197, DA 96-2036, adopted December 5, 1996, and released December 5, 1996. The complete text of this *Order* is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service,

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Synopsis of Order Granting Extension of Time for Filing Comments

1. On October 1, 1996, the Commission adopted a *Notice of Inquiry* ("NOI") in this proceeding, 61 FR 53694, October 15, 1996, regarding its policy for waiving the newspaper/radio cross ownership restriction set forth in Section 73.3555(d) of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR 73.3555(d). The NOI invited comment on a variety of questions related to possible revisions to the Commission's current waiver policy. Comments were due to be filed by December 9, 1996, and reply comments by January 8, 1997.

2. On November 7, 1996, the Commission released three notices of proposed rule making concerning (1) the broadcast attribution rules, which define what constitutes a "cognizable interest" in applying the broadcast multiple ownership rules, *Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making* in MM Docket Nos. 94-150/92-51/87-154, FCC 96-436 ("FNPRM"); (2) the local television ownership rules, including the television duopoly rule and the radio-television cross-ownership rule, *Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making* in MM Docket Nos. 91-221/87-8, FCC 96-438 ("FNPRM"); and (3) the national television ownership rule, *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* in MM Docket Nos. 96-222/91-221/87-8, FCC 96-437. The comment date established for each of these three rulemaking proceedings is February 7, 1997, and the due date for reply comments is March 7, 1997.

3. On November 27, 1996, the law firm of Haley Bader & Potts filed a *Request For Extension Of Comment Date* ("Request") to extend the comment and reply comment deadlines in connection with the NOI in MM Docket No. 96-197 to February 7, 1997 and March 7, 1997, respectively. In support of its Request, Haley Bader & Potts asserts that the above-referenced rule makings raise issues that are strongly related to those raised in the NOI. We are mindful that § 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR 1.46, articulates a Commission policy that extensions of time for filing comments in rule making proceedings are not to be routinely granted. Nevertheless, we find that good cause exists for granting the requested extension of the comment and reply comment deadlines. As Haley, Bader & Potts points out, the issues raised by the FNPRM are relevant to the newspaper/radio cross-ownership rule in that the attribution rules define what constitutes a cognizable ownership

interest in a radio station or daily newspaper. In addition, many of the same competition and diversity concerns that underlie the newspaper/radio cross-ownership restriction are also raised in our examination of the television duopoly rule and radio-television cross-ownership rule. Given the similarity of the issues raised in the NOI and the three rulemaking proceedings, we believe it is appropriate that they share the same comment and reply comment deadlines. This will enable interested parties to submit more complete comments regarding the interrelated issues raised by these separate proceedings. This, in turn, will result in a more comprehensive record for the Commission to consider in assessing whether to revise its newspaper/radio cross-ownership waiver policy as well as its broadcast attribution and television ownership rules.

4. Accordingly, *it is ordered* that the request filed by Haley Bader & Potts for an extension of time in which to file comments and reply comments in response to the *Notice of Inquiry* in MM Docket 96-197 *is granted*.

5. *It is further ordered*, that the time for filing comments in the above-captioned proceeding *is extended* to February 7, 1997, and the time for filing reply comments *is extended* to March 7, 1997.

6. This action is taken pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and 303(r), and Sections 0.204(b), 0.283, and 1.45 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR 0.204(b), 0.283, and 1.45.

Federal Communications Commission.

Roy J. Stewart,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 648

[Docket No. 961126330-6330-01; I.D. 110796H]

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Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; 1997 Specifications

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and